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Kirsty Braybon is widely recognised as Australia's pre-eminent nuclear lawyer and the driving force behind the University of Adelaide's Nuclear Law program, the world's first course dedicated to the legal dimensions of defence nuclear projects, including the SSN-AUKUS submarine capability. As Adjunct Lecturer, she designed and leads the Nuclear Regulatory Law course and the Professional Certificate of Nuclear Law, equipping lawyers, policy advisers and commercial strategists across Defence, industry and government with the legal tools required for nuclear-powered submarine acquisition and sustainment. She also teaches on International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Nuclear Knowledge Management and Nuclear Energy Management Schools, spreading best-practice governance to emerging nuclear states.

Beyond academia, Kirsty is Principal of Braybon Advisory, delivering integrated nuclear law, policy, commercial and strategic advice to Government, AUKUS partners and emerging nuclear programs. Her practice has a global footprint, providing guidance and training on nuclear readiness in the Philippines, United Kingdom, Indonesia and Belgium. Previously, she was the inaugural Head of Legal for the Australian Radioactive Waste Agency and an early contributor to AUKUS planning within the Commonwealth.

Kirsty serves on the Adelaide Law School Advisory Board and is the Nuclear Law Expert for Nuclear for Australia. She is also a PhD candidate researching Australian nuclear law and regulatory reform. An award-winning author and sought-after speaker, she holds an LLB (Flinders), an LLM and HDR (UWA) and a Graduate Diploma of International Nuclear Law (University of Montpellier).